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LOSS OF LIFE BELIEVED IS GREAT

Eruption of Japanese Volcano of Sakurajima Destroys Villages in Rain of Fire and Great City of Kagoshima Is Threatened by Showers of Ashes, Mud and Rocks.

WARSHIPS SENT TO SCENE OF DISASTER

Continuous Earthquake Shocks Accompany Eruption and Inhabitants of District Are Panicked Stricken and Seek Escape From Fiery Island in Boats, Which Are Too Few to Hold All.

TOKIO, Japan, January 13.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Fearing that a tremendous loss of life has followed the eruption of the Volcano of Sakurajima, on the Island of Sakurajima in Kagoshima Bay, orders were given yesterday for the immediate despatch of warships to the scene of the disaster to render all possible assistance to the survivors and relieve their distress.

Naval officers here conversant with the situation in the district affected believe that the conditions there are serious and that there is great danger that the city of Kagoshima will suffer great damage from the rain of ashes, mud and rocks, which are reported to be falling there.

Reports are that earthquake shocks continue along with the eruption, and a panic has seized the inhabitants of the district. Several villages are stated to have been burned and the loss of life is believed to be very great.

DETAILS OF ERUPTION SHOW SERIOUSNESS

TOKIO, Japan, January 12.—(By Special Cable to the Nippon Jiji)—On take, the active volcano on the Island of Sakurajima, in the Bay of Kagoshima, must have been in eruption this morning, and a disaster similar in nature to that of Mount Vesuvius is now feared in the southern part of the Island of Kiushu.

Continuous earthquakes have been recorded, sixty being registered since this morning. The inhabitants of Sakurajima are panic-stricken, and as fast as they can go across the straits to the city of Kagoshima they are doing so, but boats are scarce.

How many people have perished on Sakurajima is yet unknown. The villages are all on the mountain slope, which is crowned by the volcano at an elevation of 3630 feet. It is feared that many are dead. Sakurajima has an area of about twenty-five square miles and a population of several thousand people.

At dawn today a terrific explosion was heard at Kagoshima, and the Island of Sakurajima was immediately enveloped in a dense cloud of volcanic vapor. Ashes and rocks have been falling in the city of Kagoshima, which has a population of about 67,000 souls. A pillar of fire shot upward into the sky, and detonations, as of monster cannon, were heard at frequent intervals.

Great confusion exists among the inhabitants of Kagoshima, and thousands are fleeing into the surrounding country in an attempt to get away from what they believe is an impending doom. The local police and military forces are rendering what assistance they can, and supplies and first aid material are being rushed from many nearby points to Kagoshima.

Dr. Fushiki Omori, the eminent student of volcanic activity, has left here for the scene of the disaster, and expects to get to the Island of Sakurajima in time to make first-hand observations. According to Doctor Omori, it is expected that the eruption of Outake will last several days longer.

The Island of Sakurajima is celebrated for its health-giving volcanic and mineral water springs, among these being the hot springs of Furusato, Arimura and Terakuni. The Volcano of Outake has been in continuous activity

Map of Southern Japan, Showing Site of the City of Kagoshima and Location of the Eruption.



Kagoshima is the southernmost large city of Japan on the deep bay of the same name, in which the Volcano of Sakurajima is situated.

"MOTHER JONES" MUST GO AWAY

Governor of Colorado Assumes Responsibility for Arrest—Says She Must Leave.

DENVER, Colorado, December 13.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Governor Ammons last evening issued a statement to the effect that he assumed full responsibility for the arrest and detention at Trinidad, this State, of "Mother Jones," the "Friend of the Miners," who is a notable figure wherever there is trouble among miners in the United States.

Governor Ammons added to his statement that "Mother Jones" will be held in custody until she promises, not only to leave the strike zone, as she had done once before, but until she agrees to leave the State.

The aged woman, who was believed to have left Trinidad for this city, returned to the headquarters of the strikers yesterday and was promptly arrested. The striking miners in that city are reported to have made threats that unless "Mother Jones" is released they will resort to violence, if necessary, to set her free.

KILL DYNAMITERS ON SIGHT NOW ORDERED

PRETORIA, South Africa, January 12.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Stringent martial law has been proclaimed, to become effective tomorrow, on account of the disorderly conditions existing here and elsewhere in South Africa.

Dynamiters are to be shot on sight. They have lately been very active in blowing up railway stations and other railroad property.

DYNAMITERS ARE ACTIVE. KIMBERLEY, South Africa, January 12.—A desperate attempt last night to dynamite the bridge leading from the city and cut off communications with southern cities failed. The approaches to the bridge were badly damaged, but the bridge stood.

SUPERVISORS MAY RE-REGULATE AUTO AND HACK FARES

The rates for hack hire, automobile hire, taxicab hire and draying charges will soon come up for a complete overhauling by the board of supervisors.

An ordinance covering these phases of the traffic business in Honolulu and bringing rates to be charged for services performed by public vehicle carriers down to date and to conform with present conditions will be presented for the consideration of the supervisors, as soon as the draft can be completed by the city attorney's office, which will be within three or four weeks.

Official taxi stands, auto stands and hack stands will also be designated in this ordinance, all after due consideration and hearings from those interested.

These questions have a greater importance in Honolulu with the advent of hundreds of tourists every winter, many of whom are unacquainted with the rules governing vehicle charges in the city and frequently are liable to impositions from the dishonest driver.

BLIZZARD STRIKES POOR OLD NEW YORK

NEW YORK, January 13.—(By Associated Press Cable)—One of the worst storms of wind which has ever swept over this city is blowing, the wind rising to a velocity at times of seventy-four miles an hour from the north-west.

At midnight last night the mercury marked only twelve degrees above zero and going down, and the suffering among the poor of the city is intense. It is probably the worst storm here since the blizzard of March 12, 1888.

ALIENIST STATES THAW IS STILL DANGEROUS MAN NEW YORK, January 12.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Austin Flint, the noted alienist, said today in a statement that life is unsafe if Harry K. Thaw is given his unrestrained freedom. He declares that the young Pittsburgher has homicidal tendencies of a chronic character.

CIVIL SERVICE NOT FOR THEM

Rider on Postoffice Bill Would Exempt Assistants From Its Benefits.

WASHINGTON, January 13.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Tacked upon the Postoffice Appropriation Bill, which was submitted to congress yesterday, is a rider supported by the majority of the Democratic members of the house, providing that assistant postmasters shall be exempt hereafter from the provisions of the civil service laws. It is believed the clause will pass.

The appropriation bill carries the immense sum of \$305,247,757 for the expenses of the postoffice department for the current year. The extra expense under which the department lies is due to the extension of the parcel post and rural free delivery.

KILLS HIMSELF TO ESCAPE AN ARREST

SAN FRANCISCO, January 13.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Joseph Kindsmueller, who was an assistant clerk in the office of the assistant postmaster of the Marine Corps, with headquarters in this city, committed suicide yesterday, rather than submit to arrest.

Kindsmueller was charged with the theft of two checks aggregating the sum of \$244, the possibility that he forged the endorsements necessary to have them cashed. Orders for his arrest had been given, but before he could be taken in custody he killed himself.

TO PROTECT THE FILIPINO LABORERS

Remencimiento Filipino, a vernacular paper of Manila, advocates the passage of a law by the assembly, authorizing the bureau of labor to inspect at all hours and as frequently as it may see fit, the quarters where the laborers contracted for the various companies are held prior to embarkment for Hawaii, and also a law which makes illegal contracts not approved by the bureau of labor and which provides penalties for any violation of these requirements.

Another clause of the paper says, should provide penalties for steamship companies or their agents carrying laborers whose contract has not been approved by competent authority.

PLEGGED TO ACT QUICKLY

Directors of Merchants' Association Elect Officers and Pass Resolution to Hasten Organization of Proposed Greater Chamber of Commerce—Busy Meeting by New Board.

Directors of the merchants' association, at their first meeting yesterday, chose W. H. Farrington as president of the association by a vote of five to four over Ed Towse, the opposition candidate. The other officers elected were Otto Bierbach, vice president; Robert B. Booth, treasurer, and J. B. Warren, secretary.

Norman Watkins presided as chairman of the election committee until the election of president, then he appointed Mr. Towse to escort the new head of the merchants' association to the chair.

In regard to the appointment of standing committees President Farrington announced that he believed it would be a good thing if members of the directorate would volunteer to serve on the committees which they would prefer, if interested in any special work under way by the association. He postponed appointing the committees until after a conference with members of the board.

In his opening talk the president laid stress upon the importance of the business before the directors and the association in bringing about the amalgamation of the association and the chamber of commerce, in the establishment of a greater chamber of commerce, which would be thoroughly representative of the business community of Honolulu, as quickly as possible.

Ed Towse came out strongly for immediate action, stating that the proposed amalgamation should be an accomplished fact within three months, and the greater chamber of commerce be completed as an organization by March 31 next.

Resolve to Act at Once. Mr. Towse then introduced a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, to the effect that the president appoint a committee or committees to act with similar committees from the chamber of commerce to arrange for the amalgamation of the two bodies as a greater chamber of commerce, the committee to be known as the joint committee, and that it is the sense of the association that the amalgamation be effected by March 31, 1914.

Thomas M. Church favored a motion that a committee be appointed to try and persuade all the merchants in the city to declare Saturday, February 21, a business holiday, and to request the chamber of commerce to take similar action. It carried.

Director General Dougherty of the Mid-Pacific Carnival advised that this Saturday was a half holiday anyway, and it was desirable to have a holiday then, as the championship swimming races would be held in the morning and the floral parade at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Messrs. Warren, Brown and Paxson were appointed the committee to try and bring about this holiday.

Home Buying Campaign. Another resolution passed was that the new board approve the acts of the previous board on December 18, in favor of a home buying campaign, and the president was authorized to appoint a committee to carry on this campaign.

There was considerable discussion over various special committees, especially that for reforming the bylaws. Mr. Warren acknowledged that nothing had been done, and on motion the committee was discharged with thanks and much good-natured laughter. The old floral parade committee to place a float in the parade on behalf of the association was continued, with E. S. Paris, C. S. Crane and C. R. Francis in charge. The committee on reception for the Matson liner Matsonia was also continued, as was the committee headed by G. G. Guild in reference to inviting the international warship fleet here in 1915, after participation in the Panama Pacific Exposition.

It was decided to change the regular monthly meeting day from the third Thursday to the third Wednesday in each month. Unofficially the directors will meet at lunch in the Commercial Club every Thursday noon to eat and discuss matters of interest to the association.

WILLARD, JURY UNABLE TO AGREE, IS LOCKED UP

LOS ANGELES, January 12.—(By Associated Press Cable)—The Willard jury, which has been locked up for the day reported yesterday that they are hopelessly divided and unable to agree upon a verdict. The jury stands ten to two. They were locked up again last night until today.

Informal bids were submitted yesterday by The Hawaiian Gazette Company, the Star-Bulletin Company and the Paradise of the Pacific for the printing of the report of the public works department. In all cases the bids of The Hawaiian Gazette Company were the lowest. No award has been made yet.

TITANIC DISASTER RECALLED BY CASES IN SUPREME COURT

WASHINGTON, January 12.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Test cases relating to damage suits against the steamship company, many for loss of life and property in the Titanic disaster last April, will be considered by the United States Supreme Court today.

These suits have been appealed to the supreme tribunal of the country to determine the responsibility of the White Star Line for loss resulting from the sinking of the Titanic, and suits for hundreds of thousands of dollars will depend upon the verdict reached by the court in the test cases.

FUGITIVES ARE IN BAD SHAPE

Some Supplies Received For Them At Presidio—Villa Is To March South.

PRESIDIO, Texas, January 13.—(By Associated Press Cable)—The situation here is somewhat relieved with the receipt of supplies, although rations and shelter for the thousands of federal fugitives who are in custody of Major McNamee and the United States border patrol from the Mexican town of Ojinaga, across the Rio Grande, are still scant. The suffering continues and all the available houses and churches are crowded with the wounded and women and children.

On the Mexican side of the border General Villa is reported as the head of nearly 10,000 troops, with whom he plans to march southward to the attack of the City of Mexico, as soon as possible. He is now in almost complete control of Northern Mexico.

City of Mexico, January 12.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Nelson O'Shaughnessy, chargé d'affaires here for the United States, and diplomatic representative in the absence of an ambassador, arrived here safely today. His detention between here and Vera Cruz, was due to a mutiny among the federal soldiers, who looted and burned a freight train and fled into the mountains.

FEDERALS ACCUSED OF POISONING WELLS

JUAREZ, Mexico, December 28.—Henry Miller, son of a wealthy rancher of Santa Colomania, State of Coahuila, has arrived in Juarez with one of the most horrible tales of atrocities committed by any of the warring factions in Mexico that has yet been brought to the border.

He charges that the Federal soldiers upon the evacuation of the city of Monclovia, poisoned the wells without notifying the citizens, and that as a result more than four hundred residents died after enduring terrible agony.

Mr. Miller also charges that after leaving Monclovia the Federals, on their retreat, burned villages, murdered men, and even women and little children, on the charge of having given aid and comfort to the enemy, and left hundreds of orphans to die of starvation and neglect.

Mr. Miller says that General Mearns, the commander of the Federal garrison at Monclovia, gave his men orders that every hacienda, ranch house and village was to be laid waste; that no prisoners were to be taken alive, and that all property of Mexicans was to be confiscated.

PROHIBITION CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN JANUARY 15

At the annual meeting of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union last October a special line of work was planned for the year 1914 looking toward securing national prohibition. To open this campaign, Thursday, January 15, was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer for victory.

The day will be observed in Honolulu and the W. C. T. U. earnestly ask all women to unite with them in this great reform. A short service of prayer will be held in the parlor of Central Union church from two-fifteen o'clock to three o'clock to which all women are invited. At three o'clock on the afternoon of January 15 in the parish house of Central Union church, Hon. Jeff McCann will address the women of Honolulu upon the subject of Prohibition.

SUGAR PRICES JUMP UP SOME

Quotations Received From New York Indicate Better Rates for Balance of Sugar Crop Now on Way to Market and Until Tariff Reduction Takes Place in March

BELIEVED LOWEST LEVEL WAS REACHED

Possible That Part Of 1914 Crop May Pass Through Panama Canal in Direct Shipments to East Coast—Big Cargo Leaves Via Isthmus of Tehuantepec.

An encouraging ray of sunshine appeared out of the dark clouds for the sugar men yesterday with receipt of quotations from New York showing that the price of sugar had jumped to 3.29, as against 3.24 1/2 the previous day, and marking the highest point this commodity has reached since December 18 last.

The news was received cheerfully by Allen M. Nowell, secretary and manager of the Sugar Factors Company. It is the opinion of the sugar men that the damaging effect of the Democratic tariff has probably been discounted to its full extent, though, of course, the reduction in duty will not begin until March 1 next. The upward trend yesterday, in the opinion of the men who are in close touch with the situation, means that sugar prices have probably touched the low level. This does not mean that yesterday's quotation may not drop back a few points, but it is thought that the price will remain around the present figure and may possibly go to 3.50.

Every Little Helps. Figuring on a 300,000-ton output, a slight rise in price around present figures means much for the sugar men. If the entire crop could have been sold at yesterday's advance of one dollar per ton it would mean a half million dollars to Hawaii's crippled industry.

The sugar crop is moving in a satisfactory manner, according to Secretary Nowell. The American-Hawaiian steamer Virginian, with a cargo of 10,000 tons of sugar, was scheduled to get away from Hilo last night, bound for Salina Cruz. The American-Hawaiian steamer schedule, however, has been rearranged through the cancelling of the Alaskan's (No. 33) trip.

During the sugar season the steamship company has been operating a twelve-day schedule from Hawaii for Salina Cruz. The Alaskan was due to sail January 24 next. Under the new arrangement it will not get away before February 5, according to advice received by the Sugar Factors.

Canal Ready in March? It is possible that a portion of the present sugar crop will yet be shipped direct to New York by way of the Panama Canal. The American-Hawaiian ships will be among the first to take advantage of the opening of the Canal. However, but little information has been received as to when the new route to the Atlantic seaboard will be ready to receive ships. There is an unconfirmed report that the Canal will be ready to pass ships early in March.

STRIKE OF ELECTRICIANS ENDS IN THEIR DEFEAT

SAN FRANCISCO, January 13.—(By Associated Press Cable)—The light and power council of the labor unions engaged in electric work, yesterday declared at an end the long strike of employees of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. The surrender of the labor unions is unconditional. Only a comparatively few of the strikers will secure their former positions.

M'ALLISTER GETS HIS IN THE SEVENTH ROUND

NEW YORK, January 12.—(By Associated Press Cable)—Bob McAllister who performed remarkably well in his previous bouts before New York fans, received a setback to his pugilistic career here tonight when Mike Gibbons dropped him for the count after seven rounds of milling. The bout was a fast one, both men showing great ability in boxing, with Gibbons showing the better ability to land the hard punches.